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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002. As this response is filed within five months of the Office Action, an extension fee for a two month extension is believed to be due and is attached herein. If any additional fees are required, please consider this a petition for payment of them and charge them to Deposit Account 15-0450. As this response is believed to fully comply with the Examiner's requirement, prompt action on the merits of the case is earnestly requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment starting with the second paragraph beginning on page 9, as shown:

Fig. 2 shows the functional blocks that make up touch button reader 24 of the present invention. Reader 24 is comprised of microcontroller 40, nonvolatile memory 42, kickstarter logic 50, and real time clock 44. Primary battery 52 provides main power to the touch button reader 24. Backup battery 54 provides power to memory 42, thereby making it quasi-nonvolatile, to maintain the patrol data read from the touch memory buttons 26 and the kernel software for the touch button reader 24 during replacement of primary battery 52. In use the tip of the touch button reader 24, electrically connected to I/O port 48, is placed in contact with a touch memory button 26 mounted on a wall 28 or other surface. Touch memory button 26 receives power from the touch button reader 24. Data from touch memory button 26 is then stored in nonvolatile